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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BUS ARBITRATION  
CAPABLE OF EFFECTIVELY ALTERING A PRIORITY ORDER  
 Title of Invention

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. X Specification (total pages 45 including:
  - a. 13 pages of claims (29 claims)
  - b. 1 page(s) Abstract
2. X 10 sheets of     informal X formal drawings (Figs. 1-13)
3. X Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) (3 total pages)
  - a.     Newly executed (original)
  - b. X Unexecuted
  - c.     Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
 (for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)
4.     Deletion of Inventor(s)  
 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5.     Incorporation By Reference  
 The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6.     Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

## APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7.     An assignment (cover sheet & document(s))
8.     37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
9. X Power of Attorney
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10. \_\_\_ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  
\_\_\_ Copies of IDS Citations
11. \_\_\_ A Preliminary Amendment
12. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
13. \_\_\_ Applicant(s) hereby establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27
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16. X Priority of application No. 2001-035257 filed in Japan on February 13, 2001. Applicants  
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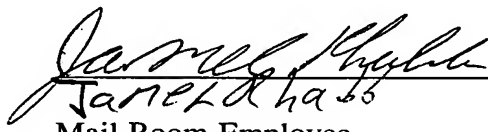
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